washery, malpractices inspection of materials at regional stores, etc. in Bharat Coking Coal Limited.

(c) The allegations are enquired into and whenever charges of irregularties are established, departmental action is taken as per rules. During the year 2001-2002 (upto December, 2001) 77 cases were taken up for investigation in BCCL. In 6 cases departmental inquiries were completed resulting in imposition of penalties on 8 officers.

Corruption in Northern Coalfields Ltd., Singraulli

5257. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many officials are working for the last ten to fifteen years in a single project out of various projects of Northern Coalfields Limited, Singraulli as a result of which corruption is rampant there;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of Government's transfer policy; and

(d) by when Government would transfer these officials to other projects who are engaged in the same project for more than five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) There are some officers who are working at one project for the last 10 to 15 years in Northern Coalfields Limited. However, it is not true that due to this reason, corruption is rampant in these proejcts. The company monitors the conduct of its officers including taking action in case any irregularity comes to notice.

(b) There are in all 268 executives (E1 to M3) who are posted at one project for 10 to 15 years. Out of 268 executives, only 2 executives in M1 and above category are transferable as per policy. However, as per decision of the company only those who have completed 20 years or more (in M1 and above grades) in one place have been transferred.

The remaining 266 executives are in E1 to E5 scale are not tansferable on completion of 10 years in one place. However, they can be transferred on administrative grounds or on promotion to M1 grade. The details of

such executives posted in one project unit for 10 to 15 years in all grades (E-I to M3) is as under:

Name of the Unit	No. of executives posted for more than 10 years	No. of executives posted for more than 15 years
Bina	38	8
Jhingurda	18	4
Dudhichua	22	2
Jayant	51	8
Kakri	23	5
Khadia	41	1
Amlohri	43	5
Nigahi	32	1
Total:	268	34

(c) Coal India Limited has a well defined transfer policy. As per this Policy the executives of M1 and above grades who are working for more than 10 years in the same company and having more than 2 years for retirement are tansferable. The transfer policy further stipulates that large scale transfer is to be avoided but at least 10% of the executives specifying the criteria should be transferred each year. In order to effectively implement this transfer policy, a decision has been taken in the year 1998 to transfer 20% of executives each year based onstation seniority. As per the said policy, executives of M1 and above grades working in sensitives discipline are transferable from existing company on completion of 5 years. Executives working in sensitives discipline in E1 to E5 grades are to be rotated within the company on completion of 3 years. In the year 2001 a policy decision was taken to transfer all the executives of M1, M2 and M3 grades who had remained in the same company/place of posting for 20 years and more. However executives working in medical discipline, World Bank Project, Longwall and new technology and in project costing Rs. 100 crores and above have been excluded.

(d) Transfer will be considered as per the transer policy and other relevant factors as explained in answer to part (b) and (c) above.